(c) and (d) This department was created in the 1st week of September, 2001 and not for any prefixed period.

(f) The NEC Amendment Bill has been passed by Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2002.

Financial allocation to NER

1813. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of financial allocation made to various States of NER from the non-lapsable pool of resources;

(b) the break-up of amount sanctioned from the pool till October, 2002 State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether his department has returned few proposals of the Government of Assam recently which were deficient; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons and implications?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Funds from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) are not allocated State-wise. Instead, project specific assistance is released for sanctioned projects under the Central Pool. The release of funds to the State Governments depends on their capacity to formulate sound project proposals, utilize the funds released and the pace of implementation of the projects on the ground.

(b) Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources became operational during the financial year 1998-99. Details of funds sanctioned under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources till 31st October, 2002 are given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

State	Funds Sanctioned				
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03 (as on 31.10.02)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Arunachal Pradesh	15.00	19.65	43.96	74.24	36.46
Assam	28.81	105.86	69.31	89.18	17.25

1	2	3	4	5	6
Manipur	20.34	121.67	23.85	18.56	10.66
Meghalaya	8.79	3.00	32.63	22.39	17.06
Mizoram	9.00	62.15	27.06	69.86	48.11
Nagaland	20.01	44.08	15.91	52.16	11.34
Sikkim	10.00	32.01	23.78	49.71	23.52
Tripura	10.00	22.50	67.08	115.71	34.73
Common to NE	—	9.00	9.46	—	—
TOTAL :	121.95	419.92	313.04	491.81	199.13

(c) and (d) In view of large number of schemes received from the State Governments for funding under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) in the North East and Sikkim, the Department requested the State Governments to submit projects, in order of priority, to be extended support under the Central Pool. In response, Government of Assam furnished a list of 200 projects worth Rs. 1143 crore for funding under NLCPR. Many of these proposals did not have Detailed Project Reports (DPR). Keeping in view the requirement of funds for on-going projects, absorption capacity of the State as witnessed in the past years and resource constraints under NLCPR during 2002-03, five projects worth Rs. 109.59 crore were retained for examination in the Department. Other proposals were returned to the State Government. Besides, there were some other project proposals which did not figure in the Priority List and hence they were also returned to the State Government.

Centrally sponsored schemes in NER

1814. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored schemes and programmes being implemented in the North-Eastern Region, particularly in Assam;

(b) the details of the achievements made in these States after the implementation of these schemes; and

(c) the total funds granted for the these schemes for the States during the last three years?